



## LGC NEWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION  
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### "What Our Goals Should Really Be"

First of all, it was great to see those of you who were able to attend our Resource 2017 meeting in Murfreesboro this year. We were very pleased at your reaction to the classes, new product demo's, and other activities we were able to pack into a day and a half. We hope to see everyone there next year.

At one of our recent meetings we collected funds for Abigail's Plan Miracle Field. Well, it opened May 20th, I was privileged to see and participate in the Grand Opening. I thought I might share some of my observations. Here is the link to the "About" section of the Abigail's Plan website: <http://abigailsplan.org/index.php/about/letter-from-abigail> and here is the link to their facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/abigailsplan>.

As most of you know, this wonderful program had its start with Abigail Kidd, daughter of Tommy Lee and Lesa Kidd. Tommy Lee is a longtime friend and fellow worker that recently retired from LGC after 28 years of service.

Abigail has a very severe form of Down's Syndrome. However, despite many predictions to the contrary, Abigail goes to school, is a very active 16-year-old, and play's Buddy Ball, which is the focus of my story.

Through the many challenges that Down's brings, Lesa and Tommy Lee felt a call from God to provide opportunities for people with disabilities of all types, to be able to play baseball. This was a natural for Tommy Lee, since he was a great baseball player and fan. I mean, he was a Braves fan even in the 80's!

Lesa and Tommy Lee started a Buddy Ball league for people with special needs. They had 11 original members (this year it is over 100!). However, wheelchairs, walkers, and braces don't go very well in the loose dirt, grass, and mud. Also, the dust causes big problems for some players with breathing issues. The Kidd's had a vision for the kind of



field that would let the teams just play ball without having to worry about a facility that couldn't meet everyone's needs.



They started Abigail's Plan to build what became Miracle Field. This would be a ball park with a rubberized field, ramps to every part of the park, dugouts with extra wide doors, and the list goes on. This kind of facility cost a considerable amount of money and required folks with special skills to build. If you knew all the people and opportunities that came together to make this happen in about 25% of the time that they had originally estimated, you would know that this is truly a

miracle field. Time and again God provided exactly what was needed to go to the next step. Until finally, Buddy Ball was played on Miracle Field.

For the first time, I saw pure joy at a ball game. No out of control parents, coaches, or players screaming and trying to intimidate each other. No felonious threats against officials or the other team. No whiny, spoiled players throwing \$500.00 bats or \$200.00 gloves because they struck out. Just some wonderful, sweet people, that society so often forgets and passes by. Happy to just be able to play at all - on a real field, with real uniforms, with a real scoreboard, and line up - just like everyone else. Everyone happy and encouraging. I was very humbled and moved. All I saw was joy, pure joy and pride in each player.

A lot of league and school coaches as well as players, could learn a great lesson watching these folks, about priorities and what our goals should really be. I know I did.

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## Holiday Closings

LGC Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day and also on Monday, September 4, 2017 in observance of Labor Day.



## Resource 2018



## *Save the Date!* RESOURCE 2018

*April 4th-6th*  
*Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center*  
*Murfreesboro, TN*

*Join us in celebrating 40 years of service!*

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